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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-28 were considered by the Examiner. In this paper, Claims 2-9, 12-13, 18, 22, and 25-26 have been amended; Claims 1, 10-12, 15-17, 19-21, and 23-24 have been canceled; and no claims have been added. Accordingly, Claims 2-9, 13, 18, 22 and 25-28 are now before the Examiner for consideration. New matter has been added with this amendment.

Summary of the Office Action

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 7-12, 22, 26, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. The Examiner indicated Claims 7-9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. The Examiner rejected each of Claims 1-6, 10-13, and 15-28 on various bases set forth in the Office Action, either under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Tatsuya et al (JP 2001-2999789 A1) or as being unpatentable over a combination of Tatsuya with one or more additional references.

Regarding the Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Applicant has amended Claims 7 to remove reference to "a fourth one of the straps."

Applicant has canceled Claim 10.

Applicant has amended Claim 22 to further clarify the structure of the support pillow.

Applicant has amended Claim 26 to further clarify the structure of the indicator line

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 27 recites an arrangement of the indicator line that is structural in nature as it contains recitations of the orientation of the indicator line on the support pillow.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above, that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 7-9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 set forth in this Office Action. As noted above, Applicant has amended Claim 7 to overcome the rejection

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under 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, Claim 7 is now in condition for allowance. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended certain claims to depend from Claim 7, and Applicant has canceled other claims. Accordingly, all of the claims presented in this paper are either indicated to be allowable or are allowable at least because they depend from an allowable base claim and recite additional novel and non-obvious limitations thereon. Thus, Applicant solicits a Notice of Allowability at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

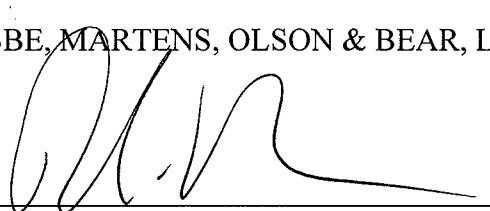
Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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